

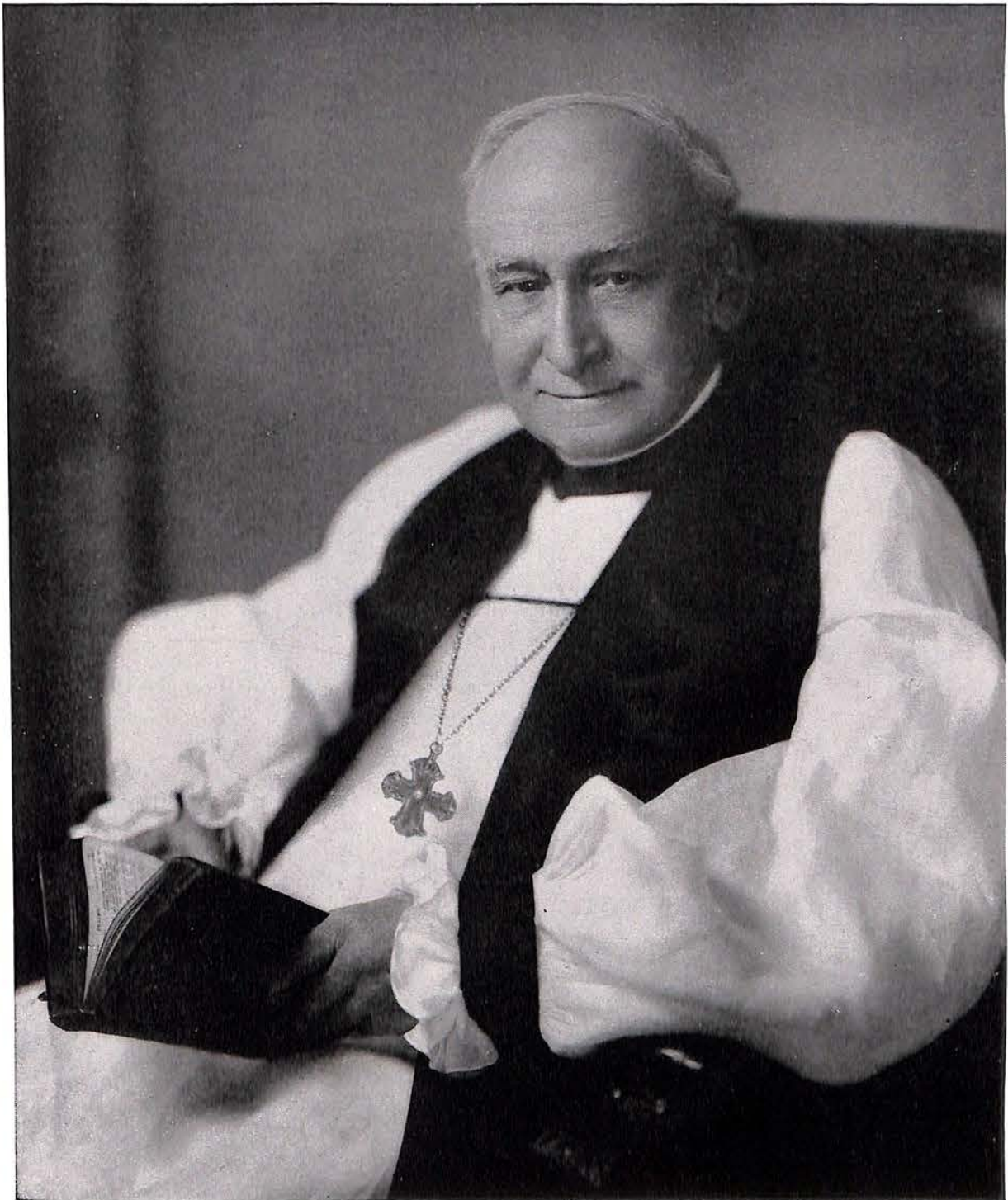
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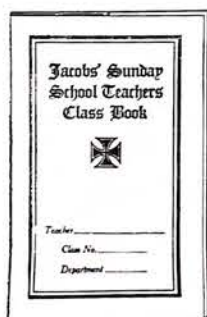
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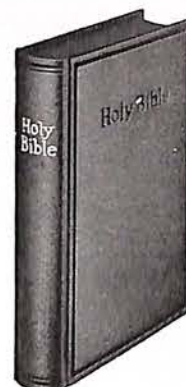
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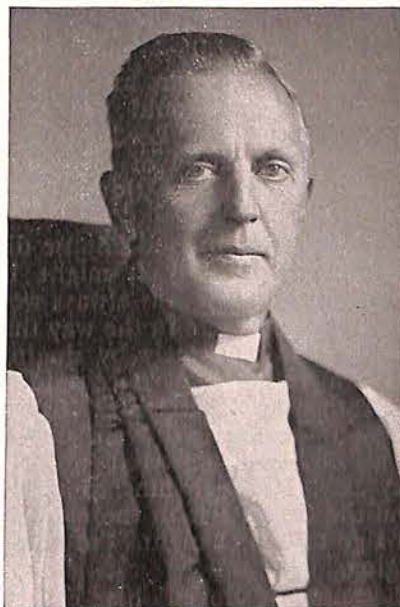
Bishop Hart's Message

It would be presumptuous on my part to tell you about Bishop Taitt's ministry in this Diocese. I can only add that for nine months I had a very happy time as his assistant, and that his going left me feeling lonely and scared. When we were together in public services, I always tried to walk in front of him so as to give him the place of honor, but he would never allow me to do so. He would always insist that we walk together. This was typical of our relationship. I am grateful for the nine months that we had together and I hope that I can further some of the plans that he had for the Diocese.

An opportunity presents itself immediately in the Bishop Taitt Memorial Service at Holy Trinity on the evening of October 17th. *I hope that every parish and mission will be represented at that service.* Bishop Taitt expressed to me several times his amazement that the fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate was less than one hundred thousand dollars. I am very anxious for the Diocese to have adequate episcopal supervision. There seems to be a general feeling throughout the Diocese that such supervision would strengthen our work. We can, therefore, give a definite demonstration of our love for Bishop Taitt by enlarging our Endowment of the Episcopate and thus strengthen the Diocese which he served so long and so faithfully.

Frequently you hear it said that men do not like to give to something which they cannot see. This may be true of the uneducated giver, but where a person has the real

interest of the Church at heart, it should not be difficult to show him that the Church needs adequate leadership far more than it does more or better buildings. "Invest your money in men, not in build-



RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART

ings" is a safe rule in church work—and there are very few exceptions to this rule. I have seen splendid progress being made with very poor equipment but with a consecrated and able leader. I once had as a neighbor a rector whose parish was one of the most vital in the city. Their church building certainly was not beautiful but it was inspiring to see the large number of the ablest men and women of that community at the early Communion Service every Sunday and a congregation

that filled the church at the later service. That rector is one of the sincerest and most indefatigable pastors of whom I have any knowledge. Next to this parish was one with a far more pretentious church and parish house, but the picture was absolutely different. The attendance was pitifully small. The Bishop asked me to serve on a committee to counsel with their vestry. The Bishop was puzzled because of the contrast in the two parishes, located in one of the fastest growing residential sections of the city. It did not take long to discover that one parish had strategic leadership and the other parish did not.

Bishop Taitt recognized this fact and spoke to me emphatically about it. I do not mean that we should put on any high pressure campaign to have a large offering at the Memorial Service on the 17th, but I do hope that we will not relax our efforts to keep this matter before our people. Miss Bell has set a noble example in her generous bequest to the Diocese. Her legacy is shining proof of the fact that devoted Church people will give to the Church and trust the Church leaders to use such a legacy wisely. I want to see the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate grow to the point where we can have adequate episcopal leadership without increasing the assessments on the parishes. I am convinced that this would be a worthy monument to Bishop Taitt and I know that it is what he wanted.

Oliver J. Hart

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BISHOP TAITT

An Appreciation

Bishop Taitt was born in Burlington, N. J., on January 3, 1862, the son of James and Elizabeth Tate—as the name was then spelled—and baptized Francis Marion in St. Barnabas' Church, Burlington, on Sunday, July 28, 1867. He attended St. Barnabas until he was eight years of age when his father moved to Philadelphia to better his fortune.

For James Tate, who had been a soldier in the Northern Army during the Civil War, a distinction of which his son Francis was always very proud, escaped the enemy's bullets in war-torn Virginia only to fall a victim to economic ills in peaceful New Jersey. At this time a venture in canning failed, and he was forced to remove to Philadelphia to find employment. Even eighty years ago New Jersey was the kitchen-garden of Philadelphia, and the canning industry had already been launched upon its astonishing career. But James Tate was ahead of his time and in the wrong place, for Camden not Burlington was destined to be the canned-soup center of the universe a generation later. It is almost impossible to believe that in 1870 there were hundreds of thousands of women in America who, to James Tate's sorrow, never had seen a can opener!

Education

In Philadelphia the large Tate family attended Christ Church, Second and Market Streets, near their home, and there the future Bishop was confirmed, and from that parish he became a candidate for Holy Orders. He was educated in the public schools of the city, finishing

his academic preparation at the old Central High School, before going on to three years of theology at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

His ministry, first as a lay-worker from the Divinity School in the Episcopal Hospital Mission, then as assistant at St. Peter's, then as rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, now non-existent, and finally for thirty-seven years at St. Paul's, Chester, was the work of one who had completely and unreservedly dedicated himself to the service of his Lord and King after earnest and thorough intellectual and spiritual preparation in the best schools available.

Love of Worship

His love of the Lord, to whom he had devoted his life, was deep and intense. If "the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever," Bishop Taitt fulfilled it to the letter for he thoroughly "enjoyed" God. His religion was his greatest delight: he loved to worship. Indeed it is likely that he was never so happy as in his Father's House. No one could say more heartily than he, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honor dwelleth."

Yet not alone in God's house did he worship; literally it might be said of him that he was always worshipping everywhere in the way that angels worship, namely by singing. When a young man once said to him rather apologetically, "Bishop, I sometimes find that I am singing to myself," he answered quickly: "My boy, I sing hymns to myself from the time I rise in the morning till I go to bed at night. I'm always singing."

Because he loved his Father's house he was very jealous of its honor, and was determined, like his Master before him, that no one should desecrate it by irreverence even if he also had to resort to extreme measures to prevent it. One night, when some witless young people were talking during the service, he first stopped abruptly in his sermon, and then, when that did not silence them, he stepped down from the pulpit, marched out into the vestry room, took off his vestments and walked down the street to his home. Never again was he interrupted by the irreverent!

Of St. Paul's, Chester, which he built, the Bishop was naturally exceedingly proud. Yet it was only one

of his churches, for he was interested in every parish property in the Diocese. Often he would suggest to rectors how the appearance of their churches could be improved, and he once planned a trip to England just to visit its cathedrals, a journey that was prevented by the first World War. One of his favorite quotations—he loved to quote poetry—was Milton's sublime description of an English church:

*"The high embowed roof
With antique pillars massy-proof,
And storied windows richly dight,
Casting a dim religious light.
There let the pealing organ blow,
To the full-voiced choir below,
In service high and anthems clear,
As may with sweetness, through
mine ear,
Dissolve me into ecstasies,
And bring all Heaven before my
eyes."*

A Helpful Preacher

Bishop Taitt was a good preacher, fervent, clear, direct and practical. Every sermon of his was a house with many windows. There were no dark, obscure passages in them for he illumined every assertion with an appropriate illustration. Like all great teachers he had stored up in his mind a vast treasure of illustrations, from which he brought forth, as occasion demanded, the one story or figure of speech that supplied just the right measure of light for that particular point. And because he was a painstaking illustrator the common people heard him gladly, just as their spiritual ancestors had crowded to hear the greatest of all illustrators when He preached on the hillsides of Galilee.

Churchmanship

The Church exists to worship and to witness. They are the primary reasons for its being. It would die of starvation without the food of worship: it would die of self-indulgence without the exercise of evangelization. In the popular (but mistaken) view, "High" Churchmen emphasize worship more than witnessing, while "Low" Churchmen emphasize witnessing, especially by preaching, at the expense of worship. If this generalization were true, Bishop Taitt could be placed in neither party, for he preserved the golden mean between the two extremes. It is now common in England to divide Churchmen into Anglo-Catholics, Evangelicals and

Low Churchmen. Bishop Taitt was certainly neither an Anglo-Catholic nor a Low Churchman; he should be classed as an Evangelical.

Chester

No estimate of Bishop Taitt's life and character would be complete without some reference to the peculiar place which Chester held in his heart and the peculiar place which he held in the heart of Chester. He was for years the first citizen of Chester, the most familiar figure on her streets, the most welcome guest in her homes, the most beloved visitor in her institutions of mercy and charity. His slight trim figure, his brisk step, his explosive laugh were all familiar to almost every man and woman in the town.

But the love which Chester gave to him was only a small return for the love which he lavished upon Chester. While an impartial observer would hardly call Chester beautiful, to Bishop Taitt it was the fairest spot in all the earth.

Chester and the Convocation of Chester were the favorite fields for his benefactions. So generous was he in the Convocation that Dean Shreiner once facetiously remarked, "I always have my hand in Bishop Taitt's pocket." But not with the Church did his liberality end. He once purchased and presented a house to a needy young man of another communion whose courtesy and kindness had deeply impressed him.

His Home

Bishop Taitt never married. Early in life he undertook the care of his widowed mother to whom he was beautifully devoted, and when she died he was beyond the years when men feel an irresistible impulse to make such a drastic change in their manner of life as taking a wife. A few years ago he brought into his home his older sister, Mrs. Aigner, who was living with him at the time of his death. But though he never married, like many men who are denied physical fatherhood, the paternal instinct was so strongly developed in him that he played the part of father to many boys in his parish, whose education he supervised and assisted, and whose progress he watched over with a father's love and care.

Love of Life

Outside the Church, Bishop Taitt was always a great favorite. His popularity was due first of all to

his love of living. St. Peter regards love of life as so normal and desirable that he lays down the requisites for that joyous spirit. "He that will love life and see good days let him eschew evil and do good; let him seek peace and ensue it. Let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile."

Bishop Taitt loved all of life. He loved the table; he was a perfect host. He loved talk; he was a brilliant conversationalist. He loved travel; he had seen a very large part of the earth's surface, and even in his age he visited Russia and South America.

Most people attribute a love of life and a cheerful uncomplaining disposition to bodily vigor, but Bishop Taitt's brightness was due as much to his religion as to his health. He rejoiced in life because he believed that this was his Father's world, and he loved it all just as His Father had made it, a beautiful, interesting, exciting world. Maltbie Babcock's famous hymn, "This is my Father's world," was the first article of Bishop Taitt's creed—as it is indeed of the Apostles' Creed though few people ever recite it with that happy thought in mind.

A man who loves life is bound to be beloved by others, for he is happy, and happiness is a magnet that draws all normal men unto itself. So Bishop Taitt was seldom lonely: men everywhere sought his company for the cheer and uplift which he brought to them.

Love of Men

The other reason for his popularity was his love for his fellows. He was both a very charitable and an uncommonly sociable man. Though he spent much time alone in prayer, he would have been a total failure as a pious anchorite in the desert or a solitary monk in his cell. The ability to sustain devotion to the point where one loses oneself in contemplation of the Divine is a rare gift and had not been bestowed upon the Bishop either by nature or by grace. Even a "quiet day" was likely to bore him. He was a man who preferred to converse with men, who enjoyed the give and take of a friendly discussion, who loved to hear and to express opinions, and who would reason with men rather than simply listen to them in silence.

His Laughter

It was doubtless his remarkable ability as a raconteur that made him

known and welcome far beyond the bounds of the Episcopal Church. In the Masonic fraternity, to which he was deeply devoted, he was in constant demand as a speaker, while men's clubs everywhere delighted in his humor. Many a parish in the Diocese recalls a gala occasion when the after-dinner speech at their parish meeting was made by Bishop Taitt. His superiority to the ordinary retailer of jokes, whose stories are unrelated tales dragged in like captives by the neck just because they are funny, lay in the fact that his anecdotes were pertinent illustrations of the serious points that he was trying to make in his speech. They were illustrations primarily and funny only incidentally.

His Tears

Bishop Taitt of course was of Celtic ancestry, and that vein cropped out again and again not only in his laughter but in his tears, which among the Celts are never far apart. For men of the Celtic type, of whatever race, are no more ashamed to cry than to laugh. They consider laughing and crying as normal activities of the human soul. The same love that prompted the Bishop to cheer men by his laughter moved him to tears for their sorrow.

A few years ago, when the Reverend Frank Goostray, one of the most promising young men in the Diocese, died suddenly, many remember the touching picture of Bishop Taitt hurrying out of the church after the funeral with tears streaming down his cheeks. And likewise recently when he assisted Bishop Hart at the burial of Rev. A. J. Arkin, the old Bishop was hardly able to finish the prayers for the flood of emotion that choked his voice. Nothing was so difficult for him as the death of his clergy, to whose needs he so generously contributed and in whose trials he so sympathetically shared.

And then death came to the Bishop also. But not as a stranger nor as a foe. For he who loved life so intensely was never afraid to die. To Bishop Taitt heaven was a vivid reality. His faith in the hereafter was anchored firm and certain and sure. His Lord, who had gone to prepare a place for him, came again suddenly on Saturday, July 17th, and received him unto Himself. And we may be sure he was ready and willing to go.

G. C.

THE BURIAL SERVICES

On the day of Bishop Taitt's burial, Wednesday, July 21st, most of Chester observed a day of mourning. City Hall was closed, and flags were flown at half staff as a tribute to one of the city's oldest and best loved citizens. A quiet service of Holy Communion was held for the members of the family at 8 A. M. From 9 to 11 A. M. people continued to visit the church to view the remains of their pastor and friend, many remaining for the burial service which was to follow.

At 10:45 the chimes in the tower of St. Paul's Church, which had been built by Bishop Taitt while he was rector, pealed out the airs of some of the Bishop's favorite hymns, concluding with the Doxology. All through the morning cadets from the Pennsylvania Military College stood guard at the head of the casket to honor him who had been for many years a trustee and sometime president of their school. Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church were continuously on duty as ushers to direct the long lines of people who visited the church.

Although request had been published that flowers be omitted, there were many floral tributes sent. One of the most beautiful was a large cross of Easter lilies from the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, which rested on the casket.

At 11 A. M. the Rt. Rev. Oliver James Hart, Bishop Taitt's successor as Bishop of Pennsylvania, conducted the burial service in St. Paul's Church. He was assisted by the Rev. Charles H. Long, Secretary to the Bishop, as master of ceremonies; the Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, rector of St. Paul's, who read the opening sentences and the scripture lesson (I Cor. 15); the Rev. John Roak, rector of Gloria Dei Church in Philadelphia, led in the responsive reading of Psalms 39 and 90. A choir composed of clergymen of the Diocese, with the Rev. N. H. Caley, Dean of the Convocation of Germantown, as organist, led the congregation of about a thousand people in singing three hymns: "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and "Abide With Me." Bishop Hart led in reciting the Apostles' Creed, then turned to the casket, laid his hand upon it and



Bishops Tucker, Sterrett and Hart at Holy Trinity.

prayed: "Defend, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace; that he may continue thine forever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until he come to thy everlasting kingdom. Amen." This is the prayer which Bishop Taitt had said thousands of times during his Episcopate as he laid his hands upon the heads of candidates for confirmation. The last time that Bishop Taitt had used this prayer was on Saturday, July 10th, when he confirmed two young persons brought to St. Paul's Church in Chester by the rector of one of the parishes in the Diocese, just a week before his sudden death.

At the same hour as this service in Chester a service of Holy Communion was conducted in the Church of the Holy Trinity in

Philadelphia. The celebrant was the Rev. Franklin Joiner, D.D., President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, assisted by other clerical members of the Standing Committee. Simultaneously many memorial services were conducted in parish churches throughout the Diocese.

The entire Diocese joined in the burial service in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, at 2 P. M. In the procession were the choir of old St. Peter's Church, where Bishop Taitt had served as Assistant Minister at the beginning of his ministry; about two hundred of the clergy of the Diocese; representatives of other dioceses of the Church, of the Eastern Orthodox churches, and ministers of other

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Woman's Auxiliary and the Juniors

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All the members of the Woman's Auxiliary hold Bishop Taitt in loving and grateful remembrance. His unfailing co-operation and sympathetic support of all our efforts was very wonderful.

He spoke to us for the last time at the Annual Meeting in May: he chose, as he so often did, to speak of his mother, and all who heard him felt that it was the most beautiful tribute to womanhood that a man could make; and he set before us an ideal that we will always remember. Many of us felt in our hearts that it was the last time. He seemed very close to the other world and we were deeply moved.

I trust that every member of the Auxiliary will want to have a share, no matter how small, in the memorial to him for the Endowment of the Episcopate.

We turn to Bishop Hart with the same loyalty and the hope that under his leadership we will have the vision and dedication needed to help win the world for Christ in this day of man's trial and agony.

Let us pledge ourselves to better Christian living so that we may be able to share in the great "Christian Offensive," which Bishop Tucker is calling—increase our prayers, study, gifts, and work. "God's Gift and Our Task" is the theme of the Woman's Auxiliary Triennial. Our Task is to measure up to the Gift.

MARGARET PACKARD.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE FALL PROGRAM

Sept. 27th, 11 A. M., 2316 DeLancey Place—Planning Committee meeting.

Oct. 4th—Annual Fall Retreat for Women. St. Margaret's House, 5414 Germantown Avenue. Conductor, The Rev. Alfred M. Smith. Monday, 5.30 P. M., to Wednesday, 9.30 A. M. Please make reservations, enclosing check for expenses (\$5.00), and mail on or before to Mrs. Frank Burton, 2316 DeLancey Place, Philadelphia. Locust 4675.

Oct. 19th, 1.15 P. M.—Luncheon, Woman's City Club. Speakers: Mrs. Alfred Chapman, "All Women at

Prayer November 11th"; Mrs. Arthur U. Crosby, "How the Program for the World Day of Prayer Is Made." Please make reservations at the Auxiliary Office on or before October 16th. Luncheon \$1.00.

The Retreat and Luncheon will take the place of the October monthly meeting. Regular monthly meetings in the Bishop's Chapel the first Wednesday of each month will begin November 3rd. These meetings last exactly one hour. The subject for the year is "Prayer." It is hoped that all women interested in the development of the devotional life will join us. The prayer plan distributed this summer has been used by many and found helpful. Additional copies may be obtained from the committee for all who would like to join us in these Intercessions.

Mrs. Alfred Chapman, Mrs. A. Disston Rile, Mrs. Arthur U. Crosby, Mrs. Welsh Strawbridge, Miss Alice Ewing, Mrs. L. Cheney Smith, Mrs. C. C. Murray, Miss Henrietta Washburn, Mrs. Frank V. Burton, Chairman.

"Beside the Moon Door"

Written by Elissa Cheng, will be given in Witherspoon Hall, Thursday, October 28 at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Federation of Churches and the Women's Interdenominational Union. This play, given for the benefit of the work of the Chinese Christian Center, at 1006 Race Street, will be preceded by Chinese music, rendered by Chinese. You are urged to help this work among the Chinese Christians in our own city. Tickets for \$1.00 may be obtained in the W. A. office at Church House.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB 1919 WALNUT STREET

The Churchwoman's Club, under the able leadership of its president, Mrs. Thomas Walker, has planned a most interesting program for the fall months. Tuesday afternoon tea will be served followed by supper at 6 P. M., every Tuesday, from October 5th until December 28th. A group of delightful entertainments have been arranged for you. Please make a request for the program.

JR. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The young women of the Auxiliary are hoping to have a successful year, continuing the new plan of holding sectional meetings in the various Convocations of the Diocese. The first meeting will be held at the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, Tuesday evening, October 19th, at 8 P. M. This will be a joint gathering for Germantown and North Philadelphia Convocations. There will be reports from the Executive Board, and a Unity Trio (Jew, White, and Negro) from the Inter-racial Fellowship House will be the speakers. An interesting evening is promised and it is hoped that all young women in these Convocations will be present. Will the Presidents of the Woman's Auxiliaries and the Rectors co-operate in making these meetings a success?

We announce the appointment of Mrs. Edgar C. Mitchell, of St. Giles, Stonehurst, as United Thank Offering Chairman.

Miss Millicent Rattigan, of St. Giles, Stonehurst, was awarded the J. W. A. scholarship for the Diocesan Conference at Beaver College last July.

Juniors! You are reminded of your contribution for the May Fete Fund for Episcopal Hospital. They urge your co-operation. Checks marked for the fund may be sent to our Treasurer, Miss Eva Young, 4665 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia.

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 18

Mrs. Harper Sibley, one of our outstanding church women, will be the guest speaker at the annual Educational Conference, which opens with a Service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church on Monday, October 18th, 10 A. M.

Bishop Hart will give the opening message at the morning session, which convenes at Holy Trinity Parish House, 10.45 A. M.

Women of the Church, please invite your Rectors to be present.

See Calendar—page 9.

WAR COMMISSION

Hundreds of letters, received by Bishop Hart in the past months, attest to the services and solace which has been given to the men of the armed services of the United Nations by War Commission. The endeavors and accomplishments of the reorganized Commission have just been codified in a report for the first six months of activity by the Rev. John C. Roak, executive secretary of the group, who pointed out that more than 15,000 service men have been entertained at the three clubs which are now operating in Philadelphia, West Chester and Jenkintown. The complete report, which is now being printed and will be sent to the War Commission representatives of the Diocese, also discusses the establishment of "home front" efforts.

The attendance at the St. Stephen's Service Club for the first half year of its activity was 10,008. Four hundred and fourteen volunteers from the various parishes provided the working staff and seventy-six clergy assumed the positions of chaplains. More than 3,500 service men attended the Hospitality Center at the Holy Trinity Church in West Chester, conducted for the men of the Army Postal School at State Teacher's College. This work is sponsored by the parish under the direction of the Rev. Jacob Winterstein. One of the features of this endeavor is securing living quarters for the families of the soldiers. Another enterprising entertainment undertaking is that of the Church of Our Saviour, in Jenkintown, which provided leadership for the entire community by the opening of the popular Church Door Canteen. The Rev. Reginald Davis is Rector. There is also a hospitality center in the Parish House at St. Peter's in Phoenixville.

Other accomplishments of the Commission include the issuance of a new book of *Services and Prayers for Special Occasion*, edited by Canon Earp; and the sending of War Crosses and Prayer Books to nearly 6,000 men. Chaplains of the Army and Navy are also constantly in touch with the Rectors of the Diocese, notifying them of the movements of the men and their status. This unusual work has been going on for nearly two years.

On the home front, the War Commission has authorized the selection of a Divinity School student to act



A group of British ratings examine the Cross of the Army and Navy Commission in the hands of the Executive Director of the War Commission, The Rev. John C. Roak.

as a visitor of the defense dwellers in the Bartram Village Homes. It is hoped that this contact, under the direction of the Rev. Alexander M. Rogers and the Rev. James C. Gilbert will ultimately result in the establishment of a Mission nearby. A similar plan is also under way regarding work among the residents in the Passyunk and Shipyard Homes, near the Navy Yard.

Further efforts to enlarge and expand the activities of the War Commission are also under way. It is anticipated that this coming season will see the scope of this work enlarged. The War Commission, with offices at 202 South 19th Street, is headed by Bishop Hart. Other officers and members are: Lewis N. Lukens, Jr., executive Vice-Chairman; Thomas B. K. Ringe, Esq., Vice-Chairman; Frederick R. Drayton, Vice-Chairman; Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Secretary; Sanford D. Beecher, Esq., Mrs. James T. Davis, Mrs. P. Blair Lee, Rev. Edmund B. Wood, and Rev. John Craig Roak, Executive Director.

HONOR ROLL

A beautifully illuminated list of men in service, the work of Mrs. Huger Elliott, a member of the parish, has been completed and hung in the vestibule of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill.

NEWS OF CHAPLAINS

Rev. Percy G. Hall has recently been advanced to Colonel, the highest rank an Army Chaplain can attain.

Rev. William Powell is now a Captain at Fort Eustis, Va.

Rev. Clarence Herbert Reese is a Major, and is Post Chaplain at Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Rev. Charles H. Urban is a Captain in the Chaplain Corps.

Rev. Charles M. Caldren, rector of St. Nathaniel's Church, Philadelphia, has recently been commissioned as a Chaplain in the Navy, with the rank of Lieutenant (j.g.) and is stationed at the Naval Chaplain's School, Williamsburg, Va.

The Diocesan War Commission is constantly hearing from these and other Army and Navy Chaplains.

Many letters are also being received from members of parishes and missions of the Diocese who are in the service of our country, expressing interest in and appreciation of what the Church is doing for those in the service.

Among Episcopal Chaplains serving in the Philadelphia area are Rev. Raymond P. Black, Lieutenant (j.g.), stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, and Rev. Michael R. Becker, Lieutenant (j.g.), at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

CITY MISSION NEWS

By REV. JAMES M. COLLINS

The following changes in personnel on the staff of the City Mission have taken place since the last issue of THE CHURCH NEWS:

Rev. Dallas E. Buzby, Ph.D., has resigned from the staff of the City Mission, effective September 15th, to accept a position on the faculty of the Valley Forge Military Academy.

Dr. Mary L. James resigned as Resident Physician at the Home for Consumptives, after service of a few months, to become physician at the Pennsylvania Epileptic Hospital and Colony Farm, Oakbourne, Pa. Dr. Bruce Ambler has been appointed to take her place temporarily.

Dr. Jane I. Newell resigned as Supervisor of the Family Welfare Department, after nine years' service, to accept a position on the faculty of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio.

Miss Sarah S. Gardner has been appointed Supervisor of the Family Department and the Children's Department to take effect October 1st. Miss Gardner is a graduate of Huntington College, Montgomery, Alabama. She received a degree of M.A. at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. She took various courses at the School of Social Service Administration of the University of Chicago and completed her work for the Master's degree in Social Service at the New York School of Social Work. She has had extensive experience in field work and, for two years, taught graduate courses in case work at the University of Kentucky.

Miss Florence E. Armstrong has been appointed case worker in the Family Welfare Department. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College and received the degree of M.A. in the Boston University Graduate School; and took further work at Boston University in the School of Social Work. After extensive experience in the field of social service, she became Supervisor of the Main Line Federation of Churches, where she remained for a year. As in the case of Miss Gardner, Miss Armstrong will become a member of our staff on October 1st.

CLERGY RETREAT

The annual retreat of the clergy was held at the Holiday House, Sellersville, on September 13, 14 and 15. Rev. J. Jarden Gunther was Chairman.

THE CHURCH PENSION FUND

Bishop Hart, who is a Trustee of The Church Pension Fund, desires to inform the Diocese in respect to the benefits that are being derived by orphans, widows and clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The pensions being received by the clergy do not represent charity but are what one might call a salary reserve: i. e., an age allowance is computed on the basis of money paid into the fund plus a share of the initial reserve which was raised prior

to March 1, 1917. The pension premium is fixed by General Convention—7½% upon the salary paid to the clergy (a rectory adding one-sixth to the money salary).

It is the duty of the rector and vestry to see to it that there be no arrearage in pension premiums. A case in point happened in the Diocese of Pennsylvania this past summer with the result that the widow did not receive a death benefit and her pension will be but \$176.88 a year.

Clergy

AGE BENEFITS:	
Rev. W. George W. Anthony.....	\$1,000.00
Rev. J. Cullen Ayer.....	1,000.00
Rev. John P. Bagley.....	1,000.00
Rev. Robert Bakewell-Green.....	1,000.00
Rev. George G. Bartlett.....	1,500.00
Rev. George R. Bishop.....	680.42
Rev. G. Calvert Carter.....	1,000.00
Rev. Albert E. Clattenberg.....	1,050.24
Rev. James W. Deaver.....	1,000.00
Rev. W. C. Emhardt.....	965.40
Rev. Addison A. Ewing.....	1,000.00
Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D.....	1,500.00
Rev. James J. D. Hall.....	600.00
Rev. Francis C. Hartshorne.....	1,000.00
Rev. William J. Hawthorne.....	1,000.00
Rev. Arnold H. Hord.....	1,000.00
Rev. John Alleyne Howell.....	1,000.00
Rev. Edward M. Jefferys.....	1,500.00
Rev. Samuel Kent.....	600.00
Rev. George W. Lamb.....	1,000.00
Rev. Norman Van P. Levis.....	1,000.00
Rev. Joseph Manuel.....	1,000.00
Rev. Walter Marvine.....	1,000.00
Rev. H. Cresson McHenry.....	1,000.00
Rev. George R. Miller.....	1,000.00
Rev. A. Lincoln Millet.....	1,000.00
Rev. John Mockridge.....	1,726.15
Rev. James A. Montgomery.....	1,000.00
Rev. Richard J. Morris.....	1,000.00
Rev. Henry L. Phillips.....	1,200.00
Rev. David M. Steele.....	1,500.00
Rev. Francis C. Steinmetz.....	1,500.00
Rev. Frederick A. Warden.....	1,000.00
Rev. Jacob F. Weinmann.....	600.00
Rev. William J. Wilkie.....	1,000.00
	\$36,922.21

TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY:

Rev. Joseph R. Baird.....	\$600.00
Rev. Malbone H. Birkhead.....	600.00
Rev. Frank Cox.....	720.80
Rev. Albert H. Holt.....	649.05
Rev. Alexander Keedwell.....	582.65
	\$3,152.50

Widows

Mrs. William R. Agate.....	\$300.00
Mrs. Charles M. Armstrong.....	450.00
Mrs. Charles H. Arndt.....	300.00
Mrs. Lydia C. Arnold.....	450.00
Mrs. Ambrose Baczewski.....	300.00
Mrs. Robert W. Bagnall.....	176.88
Mrs. Henry J. Beagen.....	400.00
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Beckett.....	204.06
Mrs. James F. Bullitt.....	360.00
Mrs. Andrew S. Burke.....	360.00
Mrs. William H. Burk.....	400.00
Mrs. Llewellyn N. Caley.....	400.00
Mrs. Edgar Campbell.....	400.00
Mrs. Arthur C. Carty.....	300.00
Mrs. John T. Cole.....	450.00
Mrs. Charles H. Collett.....	400.00
Mrs. Helen Coombs.....	166.20
Mrs. William J. Cox.....	400.00
Mrs. G. Norris Craven.....	400.00
Mrs. C. Orvis Dauter.....	400.00
Mrs. Henry Davies.....	300.00
Mrs. Richard M. Doherty.....	400.00
Mrs. Charles L. Fulforth.....	450.00
Mrs. Howard W. Fulweiler.....	400.00
Mrs. S. L. Gilberson.....	400.00
Mrs. Amos Goddard.....	400.00
Mrs. C. Sydney Goodman.....	400.00
Mrs. Frank Goostray.....	400.00
Mrs. Henry R. Gummy.....	300.00
Mrs. Edward S. Hale.....	360.00

Carried forward\$10,827.14

Brought forward.....	\$10,827.14
Mrs. Andrew H. Haughey.....	400.00
Mrs. Andre D. Heffern.....	450.00
Mrs. Arthur T. Helms.....	360.00
Mrs. Laura V. Hendricks.....	300.00
Mrs. Seaver M. Holden.....	400.00
Mrs. Charles McL. Howard.....	450.00
Mrs. Joseph H. Hudson.....	400.00
Mrs. Henri M. G. Huff.....	450.00
Mrs. Richard Kemp.....	314.41
Mrs. Edward G. Knight.....	400.00
Mrs. Addison A. Lamb.....	400.00
Mrs. Anne W. T. Macnamara.....	300.00
Mrs. Theophile D. Malan.....	300.00
Mrs. Robert T. McFetridge.....	400.00
Mrs. Edward J. McHenry.....	360.00
Mrs. Lewis G. Morris.....	633.08
Mrs. James R. L. Nisbett.....	500.00
Mrs. Charlotte C. Owen-Jones.....	400.00
Mrs. Gilbert N. Fember.....	400.00
Mrs. Godwin R. Pierce.....	272.52
Mrs. Leslie F. Potter.....	400.00
Mrs. Jules L. Prevost.....	400.00
Mrs. Ernest A. Rich.....	300.00
Mrs. William Roberts.....	360.00
Mrs. David L. Sanford.....	450.00
Mrs. Charles W. Schiffer.....	400.00
Mrs. Charles F. Scofield.....	400.00
Mrs. William R. Scott.....	90.12
Mrs. Charles L. Steel.....	400.00
Mrs. Joseph A. Stewart.....	400.00
Mrs. Granville Taylor.....	842.56
Mrs. George H. Toop.....	750.00
Mrs. Alan R. Van Meter.....	400.00
Mrs. William E. Warren.....	400.00
Mrs. Charles C. Waugh.....	360.00
Mrs. J. Albert Weagle.....	300.00
Mrs. Howard R. Weir.....	400.00

\$25,769.83

Orphans

Eugenia L. Bird.....	\$150.00
Anna W. Bird.....	150.00
Charles Collett.....	150.00
Naomi J. Collett.....	150.00
Howard W. Fulweiler.....	100.00
Jane A. Goostray.....	200.00
Margaret R. Goostray.....	200.00
Ethel J. Hudson.....	100.00
Allean C. Hudson.....	150.00
Samuel G. Hudson.....	150.00
Beverly C. Rich.....	150.00

\$1,650.00

GENERAL CLERGY RELIEF FUND ACCOUNT

Widows and Orphans

Mrs. Simon K. Boyer.....	\$150.00
Mrs. Roderick F. Cobb.....	200.00
Mrs. H. F. Fuller.....	300.00
Mrs. William J. Lipsett.....	100.00
Mrs. Julia J. F. McDowell.....	200.00
Mrs. C. M. Roberts.....	250.00
Mrs. William Smythe.....	300.00
Mrs. H. E. Wright.....	200.00
Mrs. Michele Zara.....	100.00

\$1,800.00

GENERAL CONVENTION OF 1907 ACCOUNT

Widows

Mrs. Simon K. Boyer.....	\$150.00
Mrs. Roderick F. Cobb.....	100.00
Mrs. William J. Lipsett.....	200.00
Mrs. Julia J. Farr McDowell.....	100.00
Mrs. C. M. Roberts.....	50.00
Mrs. Elizabeth S. Stone.....	300.00
Mrs. R. E. Wright.....	100.00
Mrs. Michele Zara.....	200.00

\$1,200.00

TOTAL\$70,494.54

Department of Christian Education

School of Christian Education

On Tuesday, October 19th, the School of Christian Education will start its fall semester of six sessions. Each session will start 7:15 P. M. with the whole group meeting together in the Assembly Room of the Church House to hear outstanding speakers discuss the Six Pillars of Peace formulated by the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace. These talks will be followed by a panel discussion with opportunity for the class to participate and ask questions. The panel will include clergy and laymen in the Diocese. From 8:40 to 9:30 P. M. six courses will be offered. Two, based on the Forward in Service study program for 1943-44 will be "Social Implications of Public Worship" and "The Christian Doctrine of Man." There will be a course on the art of leading discussion which will be helpful to teachers and leaders of children, youth and adults and one for teachers of the kindergarten and primary age. A course on the Bible and one on the Prayer Book completes the program. Full programs will be available the first week in October, announcing what promises to be an outstanding faculty.

The Diocesan Summer Conference

Beaver College in Jenkintown proved to be a fine place for our Diocesan Summer Conference. Boys and girls, men and women from many parishes had a happy and inspiring week under the leadership

of our Chaplain, Bishop Hart; Conference Director, the Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel; the staff and faculty. Many notebooks are full of valuable material and many minds and souls were enriched as the conference members went through each day from the Communion Service at 7:15 A. M. to the dormitory meetings at 10:30 P. M.

Whether in a class on the Bible or a class on Worship, discussion on our responsibilities as Christians was very animated. The class studying "The Message of Christ for Today," feeling that they wanted to share their conclusions with the conference, wrote a resolution which they mimeographed and gave to everybody the last day. It was read at our last Sunset Service following our usual readings from the Bible by Dr. Young. Here it is:

Whereas, we the members of the class studying "The Message of Christ for Today" at the Diocesan Summer Conference of 1943, have considered what we should do as individual Christians in regard to Race Relations; be it

Resolved, That we, as individuals, practice the following principles in our relations with people of other races; and recommend and urge that all Christians, especially the members of this Conference, join us in doing so:

1. To have an open mind toward all others, forgetting prejudices and tradition.
2. To educate ourselves regarding the background and ways of living

and thinking of other racial groups with whom we come in contact.

3. To set an example to others by personal association.

4. To break down prejudice among ourselves, including various social and economic groups within our own race.

5. To display Christ-like principles, upholding our conviction as to what we believe, even when the majority is against us.

6. To learn to appreciate; not simply to tolerate.

7. To participate in inter-racial groups.

News Notes

Twenty-seven people, six of them clergy, attended the Advanced Conference of the Province of Washington at Sweet Briar College. Bishop Hart, Dr. Shryock, Dr. Howe and Mrs. John E. Hill were on the faculty. The attendance was large despite the difficulties of transportation. The delegation from here can tell you many harrowing stories about their trip down and back but all agree that the conference was well worth it, that much serious work was done and they have come back with deeper understanding of God's gift and promise for our time and with high purpose to respond to God's gift in worship and service.

Some 30 Vacation Church Schools were held during the summer. St. Monica's, St. Cyprian's and St. Michael and All Angels report the largest attendances—79 to 98 children. The Vacation Church School Committee says that now is the time to start planning for Vacation School for next summer.

Twenty-four new pupils were added to the Church School-by-Mail during the summer. It is interesting to note that some of these new pupils came through families now receiving their Christian education through the Church School-by-Mail.

In the program of the United Movement of the Church's Youth for 1943, the 31st of October is set aside as Youth Sunday. At that time it is suggested that a Youth Service be planned in each Parish. If it takes place at one of the regular services it helps to make the adult congregation aware of the work of youth in the Parish. Material is available to help in planning this



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service. Youth Sunday is the time for the presentation of the Youth Offering. The Diocesan Youth Commission suggests that a committee of young people be formed to help the rector in planning for Youth Sunday.

The Weekday Religious Education School, on released time at St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights, opened on September 29th. The Weekday Religious Education Committee, in co-operation with St. Stephen's, is starting its second year with this experiment in weekday religious education. The Superintendent of the Public School gave the assembly period on September 22nd to the churches of Clifton Heights to tell about the Weekday Church Schools.

The Committee on the Bases for a Just and Durable Peace, under the chairmanship of Mr. Louis M. Washburn, hasn't rested this summer. A class to train teachers continued through July; material has been assembled and Parish study groups on this subject contacted. The committee is ready to help Parishes with study groups by suggesting speakers, teachers and materials.

FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY

This way of using daily the *Forward Day-by-Day Booklet* may be helpful:

1. Begin by taking a moment to realize you are in the presence of God and a prayer that the Holy Spirit will bring God's message. "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth."

2. Read the entire Scripture passage assigned for the day, weighing each word.

3. Before you read the printed comments in the booklet, listen for any message which may come to you through the passage. It may be direction for some particular thing to be done. It may be a solution of some particular problem. It will give definiteness to your thoughts and help you to put them into effect if you write them down.

4. Then read the comments for further light and understanding.

5. Follow with prayer, not only for yourself, members of your family, and friends, but for your clergy and parish, Diocese and Bishop, and for the men and women in the armed forces.

CHURCH MORTGAGE PAID OFF

Eight teams, captained by the members of the Vestry of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, raised \$1,600 during the month of June and paid off the existing mortgage on the Church Rectory. This remaining \$1,600 was part of an original \$2,200 mortgage placed on the Rectory some 12 years ago. This now leaves all of the parish building free of debt.

WORK AMONG JAMAICANS

Although our Church papers have given much publicity to the efforts to minister to the West Indian Negroes who have been brought north to work on the farms in New

Jersey, no notice has been taken of the fact that here in our own Diocese a similar work has been commenced.

At Tullytown there are three hundred Jamaican farm laborers, fifty of whom are members of the Church of England, and Rev. Waldo D. Parker, of Langhorne, has for several Sundays been holding Prayer Book services for them. He reports much interest especially in the singing, which has been in charge of a member of the cathedral choir in Kingston. Those men work from 5.30 A. M. to 7 P. M., seven days a week, but in spite of that they have found time to attend the services. This is a fine and timely work, a real war job of great importance.

Woman's Auxiliary Calendar

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, Philadelphia

Luncheon meeting every Wednesday at 12:30 P. M. for Woman's Auxiliary Committee officers and guests

Saturday, October 2-8

Triennial Session of the Woman's Auxiliary, Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio.

Monday, October 4-6

5:30 P. M.—Opening of Woman's Auxiliary Retreat, St. Margaret's House, Germantown.

Tuesday, October 5

All day and evening—continuing of Retreat.

Wednesday, October 6

9:30 A. M.—End of Retreat.
10:30 A. M.—Committee on Negro Work.
10:30 A. M.—Diocesan Committee.

Friday, October 8

12:00 P. M.—Close of Woman's Auxiliary Triennial Session.

Wednesday, October 13

10:30 A. M.—Domestic Committee.
6:30 P. M.—Evening Committee, supper at Holy Trinity Parish House.
8:00 P. M.—Evening Committee meeting.

Monday, October 18

10:00 A. M.—Opening Service of Educational Conference, Holy Trinity Church.
10:45 A. M.—Addresses, Holy Trinity Parish House. Speakers: Bishop Hart, Mrs. Harper Sibley, Rochester.
2:00-4:00 P. M.—Afternoon session on Study Materials, Holy Trinity Parish House.

Tuesday, October 19

10:30 A. M.—Executive Board meeting. Open to all women of the Auxiliary.
1:15 P. M.—Devotional Committee luncheon. Speakers: Mrs. Alfred Chapman and Mrs. Arthur U. Crosby.

7:15-9:30 P. M.—School of Christian Education.

8:00 P. M.—Junior Woman's Auxiliary sectional meeting, Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets.

Wednesday, October 20

10:30 A. M.—Foreign Committee. Speaker: Bishop Reifsnider, charge of Japanese work in United States.

Wednesday, October 27

10:30 A. M.—Indian Hope Committee.

Tuesday, November 2

10:30 A. M.—Executive Board meeting, open to all women of the Auxiliary.

Wednesday, November 3

10:30 A. M.—Negro Committee.
10:30 A. M.—Diocesan Committee.

Tuesday, November 9

7:15-9:30 P. M.—School of Christian Education.

Wednesday, November 10

10:30 A. M.—Domestic Committee.

Tuesday, November 16

7:15-9:30 P. M.—School of Christian Education.

Wednesday, November 17

10:30 A. M.—Foreign Committee. Speaker: Deaconess Reibe, Hankow.

Tuesday, November 23

7:15-9:30 P. M.—School of Christian Education.

Wednesday, November 24

10:30 A. M.—Indian Hope Committee.

Tuesday, November 30

7:15-9:30 P. M.—School of Christian Education.



REV. CYRUS L. HERON
who was instituted as Rector of St. Martin's Church, 10th Street and Oak Lane, on Wednesday evening, May 12th, by the late Bishop Taft.

Diocesan News

Rev. Francis F. E. Blake has resigned as curate at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia. He is living in Riverton, N. J.

Rev. Vincent F. Pottle has resigned as vicar of St. Mary's Chapel in St. Mark's Parish, Philadelphia, to give his full time as professor of Greek and New Testament at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

Rev. T. Norman Mason, former vicar of St. Giles' Church, Stonehurst, has accepted a call as rector of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli.

Rev. Robert P. Frazier, former rector of St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, Md., has accepted appointment as vicar of St. Giles' Church, Stonehurst.

Rev. James McClintock (retired) and Rev. Edmund H. Carhart, Jr., rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, were patients in the Episcopal Hospital during part of the summer.

Rev. Fordyce H. Argo, since 1898 rector of the Memorial Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge, has resigned.

Rev. Franklin Joiner, D.D., rector of St. Clement's Church and President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 30th. His entire

ministry has been served in this parish.

Rev. Francis William Kirwan, sometime Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wissahickon, died in the Episcopal Hospital June 19th and was buried from Calvary Church, Conshohocken, on June 22nd. The Bishop of Easton, Rt. Rev. William McClelland, D.D., officiated, assisted by the Rev. Stanley R. West, rector of the parish.

Dr. Thomas S. Gates, President of the University of Pennsylvania and a vestryman of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund.

A graceful stone lectern has been designed and approved for the Canterbury Crossing of the Washington Cathedral. It is to be a memorial to the late Bishop Alexander Mackay-Smith.

The Dedication Festival of St. John's Church, Norristown, will be held on Sunday, October 3rd, in the Octave of St. Michael and All Angels. The annual supper and bazaar of the parish will be held on Thursday, November 4th.

Miss Helen E. Sprecker, 329 South 42nd Street, has been elected Secretary of the Diocesan Altar Guild. Miss Sprecker is a communicant of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edmund Hance Carhardt, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, celebrated his 10th Anniversary as Rector on Monday, June 14th, at which time a reception was given by the Vestry and members of St. Mark's. Following the reception a beautiful silver service was given to the Rector and Mrs. Carhardt by members of the congregation.

On Sunday, August 22nd, the Rev. Oliver E. Newton, Priest-in-Charge of the Church of the Incarnation, Morrisville, announced to his congregation that sufficient funds are now in hand to pay the mortgage on the rectory.

On Sunday, June 13th, the Rev. and Mrs. George E. Boswell were "at home" to the members of St. James' Church, Bristol. The occasion marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Boswell's ordination and the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of the Rector and his wife. A purse of money and a number of gifts were presented.

St. James, Bristol, the Rev. George E. Boswell, rector, celebrated its 231st anniversary on July 25th by a Corporate Communion service for the entire parish.

Rev. Tollie L. Caution, former rector of St. Augustine's Church, Philadelphia, is now vicar of St. Luke's Church, New York, N. Y.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

During the month of August, St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, Philadelphia, was closed for extensive renovations which included the repainting of the entire interior of the edifice, repairs to pews and kneeling benches, etc. On last Trinity Sunday the members of the parish observed a "Family Sunday." The day was the fifteenth anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The history of St. James Church, Perkiomen (located at Collegeville), goes back almost to the beginning of the Eighteenth Century, but on Sunday, June 20, 1943, there was observed the One Hundredth Anniversary of the erection of the present church. At 10.45 A. M. there was an anniversary service of thanksgiving in the church, at which time Bishop Hart was the preacher. Bishop Hart's great-grandfather, Rev. John Reynolds, was some time minister of this church, and his body is interred in the churchyard.

Convocations

Convocation of Chester

October 26, 1943.
At St. Giles Church, Stonehurst.
10 A. M.

Convocation of Germantown

October 27, 1943.
At St. Matthias, West Oak Lane.
10:30 A. M.

Convocation of Norristown

October 28, 1943.
At All Saints, Norristown.
4 P. M.

Convocation of North Philadelphia

October 27, 1943.
At St. George, Richmond.
6:30 P. M.

Convocation of South Philadelphia

October 26, 1943.
At St. Elisabeth, Philadelphia.
4 P. M.

Convocation of West Philadelphia

October 28, 1943.
At Church of the Redemption, Phila.
4 P. M.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, GERMANTOWN, REOPENED

On Sunday, September 26th, St. Barnabas' Church, Germantown, the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, rector, was reopened. The church had been closed all August and part of September for renovation of the Nave, including a center aisle and two side aisles.

These improvements were made in grateful memory of the Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., LL.D., Litt.D., ninth Bishop of Pennsylvania, a staunch friend of St. Barnabas all through his episcopate. The renovated Nave will be dedicated by Bishop Hart when he comes for confirmation on the second Sunday in Advent at 8 P. M.

FALL MEETING OF THE CHESTER CONVOCATION

The Convocation of Chester will meet on Tuesday, October 26th. Speakers will include Mr. Lewis B. Franklin, Treasurer of the National Council of the Church; Rev. A. Abbott Hastings, of St. Michael's Mission School for the Arapahoe Indians, Ethete, Wyoming; and the Rev. Albert E. Wilcox, of Holy Comforter, Aronimink Park, Drexel Hill. During the past summer missionaries of the Convocation of Chester were each given two weeks' vacation. The services in the various missions were supplied by Rev. Francis C. Steinmetz, Rev. J. Jar-den Guenther, and Mr. William E. Hetzel, Jr., Lay Reader.

CHAPLAIN'S EQUIPMENT FROM ST. ASAPH, BALA

"When the people of St. Asaph's Church, Bala, were asked to equip the Chaplain of the Boise with things which he needed," says the Rector, Rev. Richard T. Lyford, "it seemed like a gift literally cast upon the waters because we had no men on that ship, and the Chaplain was not even an Episcopalian; but we were glad to do it, and gave him everything which he asked for. One woman gave him the private Communion Service he wanted, which was the most expensive item on his list. Last week she had a letter from her son, saying that his ship was attached to the Boise, and that he soon hoped to receive the Communion from the chalice and paten which his mother had given."

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL AIDS VICTIMS

About twenty-five victims of a disastrous railroad wreck at Frankford Junction, on the evening of Labor Day, were treated at the Episcopal Hospital, just a few blocks away from the scene of the wreck.

Episcopal Hospital

I am sure that the Auxiliary women are happy to know that when disaster struck Philadelphia on the seventh of September, the Episcopal Hospital was ready and able to offer full aid. Your contributions to the May Fete Fund play a great part in making this kind of service possible. We are hoping every Auxiliary will be represented in the final sum obtained from your individual fetes to be announced at the "Appreciation Tea," to be held at Episcopal Hospital on Monday, November 1st. The May Fete Committee is looking forward to greeting you.

BLANCHE MCNEAL,
Publicity Chairman.

WHO SUCCEEDS BISHOP TAITT?

Who succeeds Bishop Taitt as the oldest clergyman in active service in the Diocese? Very likely the Rev. Archibald Campbell Knowles, D.D., rector of St. Alban's Church, Olney, although no one would suspect it to see Father Knowles still going so energetically about his work. He does not climb the Swiss Alps as he used to do every summer—though we suspect he would try it again if it weren't for Adolph. Now he ascends only the little hills of Germantown. But he is still active with tongue and pen. He is one of the Episcopal Church's most felicitous writers, a man of deep conviction and extensive knowledge who knows how to express himself clearly and convincingly and who has the courage of his convictions. THE CHURCH NEWS salutes this witty and cultured Christian gentleman and hopes that he may be spared for many more years to exercise his priesthood in one of our most beautiful churches.

SERVICES FOR BISHOP HART

The service for the enthronement of the Right Reverend Oliver James Hart, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D., as Bishop of Pennsylvania, was held on St. Matthew's Day, Tuesday, September 21st, at the Cathedral Church of Christ, at 11 o'clock.

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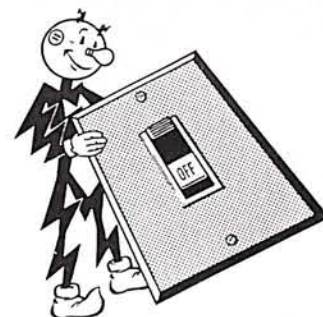
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